

Cinco de Mayo and Safety Tour



BART's annual Cinco de Mayo festivities were fun and successful on May 5, thanks to the help of many BART employees. Pictured are, from left, back row, Victor Martinez, Ramiro Salazar, Henry Miranda, Alex Maldonado, Kay Springer, George Hodgnerney, Jorge Castillo, Chris Ortiz, Felix Chavez, Mike Moran, Tony Gallegos, Pat Carter, Berta Villalva, Linda Vasquez, Rachael Heath and Linda Ramirez. Others helping, but not shown above, were Judy Colmenero, Arcelia Damen, Ken Duron, Corene Ninayahuar, Marie Rayner, Yolanda Vega, Lulu Watts and Alex Zermeno. See page 3 for additional Cinco de Mayo photographs.



These school children and teachers took part in BART's familiarization tour in May for the visually impaired. The tour, organized by BART's System Safety Department and coordinated by Safety Specialist Kathy Roth, is based on the concept that people who are disabled will more readily use BART's facilities if they are acquainted with the District's station and car layouts. Those taking part in the tour are carefully instructed in the configuration of BART facilities, including the placement of stairways and elevators and the placement of tracks and platforms. The tour was held at the 19th Street Station in Oakland, using an out-of-service train and a section of track not in use during off-peak hours.

Joint Safety Committee Calls Attention to National Safety Week

In honor of the tenth annual observance across the country of National Safety Week, BART's Joint Union/Management Safety Committee developed printed posters and special safety slogans for use by train operators and Central ComSpecs.

The motto of this year's observance of National Safety Week is 'Safety Begins Here,' a reminder that safety doesn't belong to the workplace alone, but wherever you are at this very moment.

Here's a sample of the slogans:

Right on Track with Safety
Safety Pays Every Day
Don't Leave Safety at Work.
Take It Home with You.
Safety Saves! Safety Pays!
Have a Safe Day.
Don't Delay. Be Safe Today.

For photograph of committee, see page 5.

Design of New Revenue Ticket Discloses Talents of Eric Thompson

Eric Thompson has been a BART employee for 19 years, but only recently was his skill and talent for design and illustration discovered by the District.

He has worked in the Maintenance Division since he joined BART, but for a few weeks he has been temporarily assigned to the Graphic's Division of his department to work on artwork.

Eric submitted the winning design concept for BART's new revenue ticket and developed a limited edition poster to mark the groundbreaking on May 30 for the new Colma Station.

He has been a Bay Area artist for 25 years.

"I appreciate the opportunity to work in BART's graphic group. I hope I can become a permanent member," he says. **b**



General Manager Frank J. Wilson and Eric Thompson with one of his final designs of the new revenue ticket.

Visually Impaired Get Tours Organized by System Safety for Improved Passenger Confidence

BART's efforts to live up to its goal of providing safe service for all passengers is exemplified by its familiarization tours for the visually impaired population.

Familiarity breeds confidence, a new BART twist to an old saying. The more visually impaired passengers know about BART stations and cars, the more their confidence will be boosted. In turn, they will be more willing to use the system.


That's the rationale behind the orientation tours organized by BART's System Safety Department.

Groups taking part in the May orientation included the Orientation Center for the Blind, the Lighthouse for the Blind, the Castro Valley Unified School District, the Rose Resnick Center, the Living Skills

Center and the Lions Blind Center.

An out-of-service three-car BART train, operated by Ed Clare, was used in the orientation. The session was held at BART's 19th Street Station in Oakland.

Kathy Roth, Safety Specialist, coordinated the program for the System Safety Department. She praised everyone from BART who took part in the orientation, including Donna Johnson, Steve Ojeda and Andy Williams of Station Operations; Ed Snell and Pamela Moffett, Safety Specialists.

She gave a special thanks to the train operator. "He really provided a lot of information. It was of great value to all participants and helped to insure the success of the orientation." 



Cinco de Mayo Commemorates Freedom and Cultural Pride

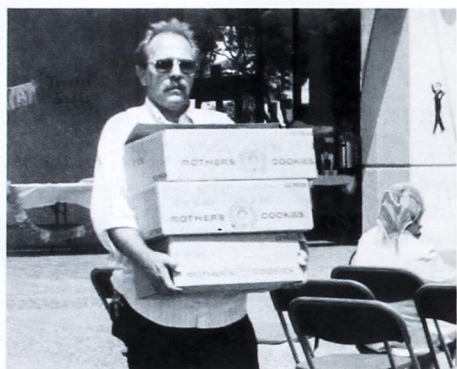
Freedom, independence and community and cultural pride were commemorated with BART's annual Cinco de Mayo Celebration on May 5 at the Lake Merritt Station Plaza.

The event is organized by the Cinco de Mayo Employees Committee and supported by BART.

After a welcome by Alex Maldonado, Master of Ceremonies, and the presentation of the flag by the U.S. Navy Band and Color Guard, the speakers were Linda Vasquez, Committee Chairperson; Wilfred Ussery, President of BART's Board of Directors; Frank Wilson, BART's General

Manager; Milt Waalkens, President of United Public Employees, 790; and Jim McGrath, Union Steward, representing Amalgamated Transit Union, 1555. A special guest spoke on behalf of the Mexican Consulate.

Entertainment was provided by Linda Ramirez, Mariachi Los Monarcos and Group Folklorico La Familia. Linda Vasquez noted that, for the tenth year, Mother's Cookies of Oakland donated cookies for all in attendance. And she extended a "big thank you" to everyone who helped with the event. **b2**





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REMEMBER—someone's trash is another person's treasure. So send in those ads to Trash & Treasures, BARTalk, LMA-1.

Engineering Intern Booth Gets Attention

More than one thousand East Bay school children got a look at how BART's rail cars are made and how the Transbay Tube was constructed, thanks to the District's Engineering Interns.

The five interns organized a special display at a two-day Science and Technology Awareness Fair held in April at the Henry J. Kaiser Convention Center in Oakland.

The interns are Editha Fulgado, Marco T. Gomez, Tiffany Li, Albert Pham and Musa Yusuf. All of them hold engineering degrees and are just completing the first year of BART's two-year internship program.

Two of the interns worked for BART before the organization of the Intern Program. Marco came to work for BART in 1981 and Tiffany joined the District in 1985. Both of them obtained their engineering degree under BART's Education Assistance Program. They worked for BART full time and also attended a full schedule of classes. Tiffany recalls that it was "difficult" to work and go to school at the same time, but says "It was well worth it." Marco says the difficult schedule gave him a few gray hairs.

BART's engineering intern program is designed to provide opportunity for engineer's with degrees, but without experience to start an engineering career at BART.

The first year of the program is designed to provide these entry-level engineers the opportunity to gain valuable experience through rotational assignments in various



East Bay school children were drawn to BART's display during a recent two-day Science and Technology Awareness Fair at the Henry J. Kaiser Convention Center in Oakland. The display was conceived and created by five BART Engineering Interns, who are just finishing the first year of BART's new Engineering Intern program.

engineering divisions.

Upon successful completion of one year as an intern, the entry engineers are expected to advance to Assistant Engineer and be assigned to an appropriate Engineering Division for the second year of the program. At the conclusion of the second year, the interns will have the two years of experience required for an Engineer level position and can apply for open District positions.

The Intern Program was organized by Matthew M. McDole, Department Manager of BART's Engineering & Construction Department, with the assistance of the Affirmative Action and Employee Relations Departments. Until recently, the program implementation was supervised

by Victoria Nerenberg, who accepted a position with Project Management and Budget in May. The program will now be supervised by Chris Flynn. **b2**

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EMPLOYEE SUGGESTIONS

Max Tanzo, Jr., on the day shift at the Concord Shop, figures a way to reduce the possibility of injury from falling friction rings. The rings formerly were removed from upright shipping crates as they were needed. To avoid the possibility of remaining rings falling forward, Max suggested that the crates be placed on an angled rack.

Dean Giebelhausen of Power and Way suggested that battery chargers used with BART's electric vehicles be mounted in a more accessible location. The vehicles will no longer have to be taken out of service for charging.

Alan Evangelista in the Inspection Department of the Rolling Stock Division suggested the development and use of an APSE test cart to minimize loss and damage. All equipment and materials will be centralized and secured. (The replacement cost for a damaged tester is \$10,000. (By the way, APSE refers to a solid state inverter.)

Sorry, Dottie!

BARTalk would like to apologize to Dottie Alteizer for spelling her last name wrong in the last issue of BARTalk. Also, for those BARTalk readers wondering what (BB) stands for in Paula Fraser's name, we'll never tell!

Just A Reminder

We're about three months away from the traditional BART employee picnic. Mark the date: Saturday, September 26.

Where will it be held? The site of this year's picnic is Crow Canyon Park in Castro Valley. Make your plans now for this gathering of family and friends.

CPR

What are the benefits of knowing cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR)? the answer might save a life. Call Yolanda (Yolie) Vega at ext. 6292 or 6293.

Keeping Safety in Mind

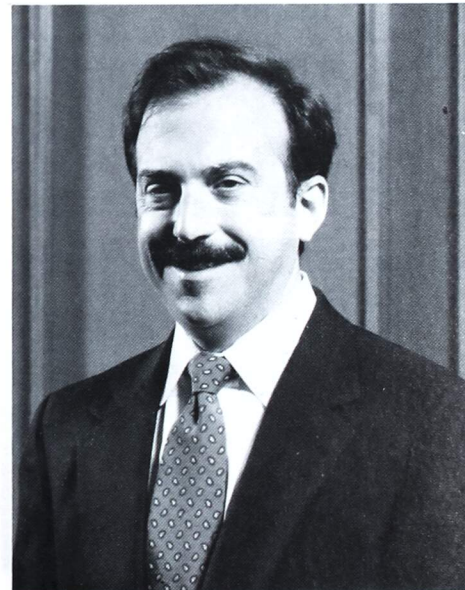


BART's Joint Union/Management Safety Committee worked to call attention to safety to all District employees and passengers. From left, at rear, are John Maher, Lynette Toney, Frank J. Wilson, Jim Rosario, Stan Jiggetts, Chuck Pelton, Ralph Weule, Fred Stevens, Zoyd Luce and Dennis Wilkerson. In front are Shellie Albright, Betty Soo Hoo, Pam Moffett, Norma del Mercado and Latoya Ward. Committee members not shown are Byron Fong, C.D. Lindstrom and Edith Miranda.

New Positions at BART



Lynn Lampe, who joined BART in 1991 as a special assistant to the General Manager, has been named Chief of Staff. Prior to joining BART, Lynn was the principal advisor on federal government policies to the Mayor of Seattle, members of Seattle's City Council and various departmental heads. She also serves as chief liaison with the State of Washington's congressional delegation. Formerly she was on the staff of Thomas Foley, Representative from Washington and Speaker of the House. She lives in the East Bay with her husband and three sons.



Michael DePallo is Manager of the Budget and Project Management Office. Before joining BART earlier this year, he held the position of Deputy Chief Automotive Officer for the Operations Division of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority in Boston. He was involved with all aspects of the Division, including budget preparation, engineering support and vehicle procurement and maintenance. Before joining MBTA, he held a number of positions at the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority in Philadelphia. The Authority serves more than 300,000 riders daily.

BARTistics

SERVICE AWARDS (March 1 to May 31, 1992)

20 YEARS

Jaime Ubaldo
Irvin Hung
Norman Czekalski
Herbert Dunbar
Michael Biehn

Peter Harrington
Kenneth Holmes
Donald Weldon
Priscilla Zocchi
David Vang

Harold Perkins
Francis Young
Ronald Servin
Robert Souza

Richard Taylor
Richard Pasini
Richard Klokow
Jo Ann Eichmann

15 YEARS

Carl Bilton
Isaias Pairo
Gregory Cathey
Leland Chew

Ronnie White
John Russell
Jaime Salgado
Francisca Purisima

Harbhajan Agroia
Jeron Donalds
Joseph Evinger

Dennis Sullivan
Lillian Young
Pamela Cherry

10 YEARS

Curtis Hawkinson
Jack Westlie
William Wong
Joseph Hahner
David Szeto
Daniel De Lao Sr.

Alexis Popov
David Laursen
Tsung Mok
Judith Stevenson
Perry Ramos
Ronald Scott

Stanley Barras
Adolphus Burrell
Daniel Hartwig
Eldridge Johns Jr.
Clifford Lassila
Kin Shum

Steven Delgado
Gustavo Labrado
You Yup
Mark Carter
Manuel Barron
Jerry Shephard

5 YEARS

Bill Ludricks
Frank Oklessen
Randall Whitsitt
Robert Dell
Cindy Church

Frank Mimmitt
Hyo Kim
Antonio Babauta
David Chune
Elizabeth Larson

Oi Yuen
Martin Farrer
Anthony Newton
Eugene Pepi
Kathleen Heppler

Ernesto Sarmiento
Richard Lohman
Cossandro McCoy
George Pratt

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